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Import of GM Canola Oil
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the proportion or percentage of imported GM Canola oil within India"s total oil consumption, in terms of value and volume;
(b) whether GM canola oil imports have been permitted by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) before 2015;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) if not, the action being taken against illegal imports of GM canola oil that happened without permission of GEAC?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) The information on import of GM Canola oil is not available separately. However, India's total imports of vegetable oil in terms of value and volume (quantity) are as follows:

Years	Quantity (Millions Tonnes)	Value (US$ Millions)
2015-16	15.6	10492.1
2016-17 (Apr to Aug)*	5.6	4207.6

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (* Provisional)

(b) to (d): Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) has recently approved one application for import of GM Canola Oil derived from herbicide tolerant canola (Event Ms8xRF3).
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